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LOK SABHA

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN TOURISM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to explore more employment opportunities by encouraging tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds proposed to be provided in the Tenth Five Year Plan and the comparative figures of the same in the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the number of people provided employment during the Ninth Five Year Plan in the tourism sector and likely to be provided in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. +491 TO BE ANSWERED 29.04.2002 REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN TOURISM SECTOR

(a) & (b): Yes , Sir. The Tenth FiveYear Plan aims to enhance the employment opportunities in the tourism sector through developing linkages with other sectors. The proposed strategy in the10th Five Year Plan is to:

- Position tourism as a major engine of economic growth.

- Attempt to harness the direct and multiplier effects of tourism for employment generation, economic development and providing impetus to rural tourism

- Provide a major thrust to domestic tourism which will act as a spring board for growth and expansion of international tourism

- Position India as a global brand to take advantage of the burgeoning global travel and trade and the vast untapped potential of India as a destination

- Acknowledge the critical role of private sector with government working as an active facilitator and catalyst.

- Create and develop integrated tourism circuits based on India`s unique civilization, heritage and culture in partnership with the States, private sector and other agencies

- Ensure that the tourist to India gets physically invigorated, mentally rejuvenated, culturally enriched, spiritually elevated, and `feels India within him`.

(c) : The Planning Commission has allocateda plan allocation of Rs.2900 crores for Tenth Five Year Plan to the Department of Tourism as compared to Rs.595 crores actually allocated during Ninth Five Year Plan. Sector/Scheme-wise break-up for Tenth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised.

(d): Tourism sector provides both direct and indirect employment opportunities. The details of the employment opportunities generated during first four years of Ninth Five year plan are as follows: -

Employment (in Million)

Year	Direct	Indirect	Total
1997-98	12.75	17.34	30.09
1998-99	14.39	19.57	33.96
1999-2000	15.90	21.62	37.52
2000-01	16.45	22.37	38.82
2001-02	Yet to be finalised		

Ministry of Tourism had projected direct and indirect employment in the tourism sector from the present level to 66 million by 2007 based on an outlay of Rs.5586 crores and subject to certain policy measures. The Planning Commission has indicated an outlay of Rs.2900 crores for the tourism sector during the Tenth Five Year Plan. The projection of Revised employment figures based on this outlay have not yet been finalised.